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In re PCT International Application of)
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METHOD FOR REMOVING CONDENSABLES)
FROM A NATURAL GAS STREAM, AT A)
WELLHEAD, DOWNSTREAM OF THE)
WELLHEAD CHOKE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims: 1-15

1. (Once Amended) A method for removing condensables from a gas stream, the method comprising the steps of:

- (A) inducing the natural gas stream to flow at supersonic velocity through a conduit of a supersonic inertia separator and thereby causing the fluid to cool to a temperature that is below a temperature/pressure at which the condensables will begin to condense, forming separate droplets and/or particles;
- (B) separating the droplets and/or particles from the gas; and